



## WHO KNEW NORTH DAKOTA

### FACTS YOU MAY ALREADY KNOW AND PLENTY THAT YOU DIDN'T

The famous American author, Louis LaMoure, who brought the old west to millions of readers, was born in Jamestown, ND. Even though he has been dead for many years, he is still the number one selling author for Bantam books.

Actor Josh Duhamel from Transformers and TVs Las Vegas is from Minot, ND.

North Dakota football players, Jim Kleinsasser and Brooks Bollinger both play for the Minnesota Vikings.

95% of all flaxseed used or consumed in the U.S. is grown in North Dakota.

Travis Hafner from Sykeston, ND, is a designated hitter for the Cleveland Indians.

Amidon, North Dakota is the nation's smallest county seat, boasting approximately 24 residents.

The town of Portland, ND got its name because it's located in the middle of Portland Maine and Portland Oregon.

Phil Jackson, one NBA's most successful coaches, grew up in Williston, ND.

Lewis and Clark spent two winters near Washburn, ND with the Mandan Indians.

Coldest temperature ever on record was -60 degrees in Parshall, February 15, 1936, and the hottest temperature was 121 in Steele, ND that same year in July.

North Dakota is actually the 48th least populated state with Wyoming and Vermont behind us. The last census puts us at roughly 632,000.

The lowest point in North Dakota is only 750 above sea level... Red River at Pembina

McIntosh County, ND has the highest concentration of people who speak German of any county in the U.S.

In 1918 all classes were suspended at the University of North Dakota so the campus could become an army base during WWI.

Former NFL players, Tyrone Braxton, Phil Hansen and current NFLer Lamar Gordon are all graduates of North Dakota State University.

North Dakota is the most rural state in the country, with over 90 percent of the state covered with farms.

General George Custer spent his final days in the Bismarck area in 1876, before being killed at the battle of Little Bighorn.

Kenmare is the Goose Capital of ND. It is the hunting haven of the north with an annual snow goose count over 400,000 birds.

North Dakota has more registered vehicles than it has residents!

North Dakota was the first state to complete its Interstate Highway system.

Lewis and Clark encountered their first grizzly bears in North Dakota.

More ducks reproduce in wetlands of North Dakota than anywhere in the nation.

North Dakota is consistently ranked as one of the safest states in the U.S.

The number one industry in North Dakota is agriculture with Tourism as number two.

North Dakota sends more kids to college per capita than any other state.

The University of North Dakota has the world's number one program for aerospace.

The town of Rugby, ND is the geographical center of North America. A rock obelisk about 15 feet tall, flanked by poles flying the United States and Canadian flags marks the location.

When Dakota Territory was created in 1861 it was named for the Dakota Indian tribe. Dakota is a Sioux word meaning friends or allies.

The state's official beverage is milk; official tree is the American Elm; state bird is the Western Meadowlark.

The official fruit, as of 2007 is the Chokecherry. A group of 6th grade students in Williston, ND, help write legislation because they found out there was no official fruit.

The World's Largest Buffalo monument is located at Frontier Village in Jamestown. The structure is 26 feet high, 46 feet long, and weighs 60 ton.

President Theodore Roosevelt first came to Dakota Territory in September 1883 to hunt bison. Before returning home to New York, he became interested in the cattle business and established the Maltese Cross Ranch and the Elkhorn Ranch.

The state's official flower is the Wild Prairie Rose, which is pink with a yellow center.

The current Governor is John Hoeven who has the highest rating of any governor in the United States for popularity and approval.